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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

Availability of Seats for National Marine Sanctuary Advisory Councils

AGENCY: Office of National Marine Sanctuaries (ONMS), National Ocean Service (NOS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Department of Commerce (DOC).

ACTION: Notice and request for applications.

SUMMARY: ONMS is seeking applications for vacant seats for 7 of its 13 national marine sanctuary advisory councils (advisory councils). Vacant seats, including positions (i.e., primary member and alternate), for each of the advisory councils are listed in this notice under Supplementary Information. Applicants are chosen based upon their particular expertise and experience in relation to the seat for which they are applying; community and professional affiliations; views regarding the protection and management of marine or Great Lake resources; and possibly the length of residence in the area affected by the sanctuary. Applicants who are chosen as primary members or alternates should expect to serve two- or three year terms, pursuant to the charter of the specific national marine sanctuary advisory council.

DATES: Applications are due by March 31, 2014.

ADDRESSES: Application kits are specific to each advisory council. As such, application kits must be obtained from and returned to the council-specific addresses noted below.

- Channel Islands National Marine Sanctuary Advisory Council: Michael Murray, Channel Islands National Marine Sanctuary, University of California Santa Barbara, Ocean Science Education Building 514, MC 6155, Santa Barbara, CA, 93106-6155; ; (805) 893-6418; email Michael.Murray@noaa.gov; or download application from <http://channelislands.noaa.gov/sac/news.html>.
- Cordell Bank National Marine Sanctuary Advisory Council: Lilli Ferguson, Cordell Bank National Marine Sanctuary, P.O. Box 159, Olema, CA 94950; (415) 663-0314 extension 107; email Lilli.Ferguson@noaa.gov; or download application from <http://cordellbank.noaa.gov>.
- Florida Keys National Marine Sanctuary Advisory Council: Hannah Weddington, Florida Keys National Marine Sanctuary, 33 East Quay Rd., Key West, FL 33040; (305) 809-4700 extension 241; email Hannah.Weddington@noaa.gov; or download application from <http://floridakeys.noaa.gov/sac/welcome.html?s=sac>.
- Hawaiian Islands Humpback Whale National Marine Sanctuary Advisory Council: Inouye Regional Center, ATTN: NOS/HHWNMS/Emily Gaskin, 1845 Wasp Blvd., Building 176, Honolulu, HI 96818; (808) 397-2651 extension 257; email

Emily.Gaskin@noaa.gov; or download application from

http://hawaiihumpbackwhale.noaa.gov/council/council_application.html.

- Monitor National Marine Sanctuary Advisory Council: Shannon Ricles, Monitor National Marine Sanctuary, 100 Museum Drive, Newport News, VA 23606; (757) 591-7328; email Shannon.Ricles@noaa.gov; or download application from <http://monitor.noaa.gov>.
- National Marine Sanctuary of American Samoa Advisory Council: Joseph Paulin, National Marine Sanctuary of American Samoa, Tauese P.F. Sunia Ocean Center, Utulei, American Samoa; (684) 633-6500; email Joseph.Paulin@noaa.gov; or download application from <http://americansamoa.noaa.gov>.
- Stellwagen Bank National Marine Sanctuary Council: Elizabeth Stokes, Stellwagen Bank National Marine Sanctuary, 175 Edward Foster Road, Scituate, MA 02066; (781) 545-8026 extension 201; email Elizabeth.Stokes@noaa.gov; or download application from <http://stellwagen.noaa.gov/management/sac/documents.html>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For further information on a particular national marine sanctuary advisory council, please contact the individual identified in the Addresses section of this notice.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: ONMS serves as the trustee for 14 marine protected areas encompassing more than 170,000 square miles of ocean and Great Lakes waters from the

Hawaiian Islands to the Florida Key, and from Lake Huron to American Samoa. National marine sanctuaries protect our Nation's most vital coastal and marine natural and cultural resources, and through active research, management, and public engagement, sustains healthy environments that are the foundation for thriving communities and stable economies. One of the many ways ONMS ensures public participation in the designation and management of national marine sanctuaries is through the formation of advisory councils. National marine sanctuary advisory councils are community-based advisory groups established to provide advice and recommendations to the superintendents of the national marine sanctuaries and the Papahānaumokuākea Marine National Monument on issues including management, science, service, and stewardship; and to serve as liaisons between their constituents in the community and the sanctuary. Additional information on ONMS and its 14 advisory councils can be found at <http://sanctuaries.noaa.gov>. Information related to the purpose, policies and operational requirements for advisory councils can be found in the charter for a particular advisory council (http://sanctuaries.noaa.gov/management/ac/council_charters.html) and the National Marine Sanctuary Advisory Council Implementation Handbook (<http://www.sanctuaries.noaa.gov/management/ac/acref.html>).

The following is a list of the vacant seats, including positions (i.e., primary member or alternate), for each of the national marine sanctuary advisory councils currently seeking applications for primary members and alternates:

Channel Islands National Marine Sanctuary: Education (primary member); Education (alternate); Recreational Fishing (primary member); Recreational Fishing (alternate); Public-

At-Large (two alternates); Tourism (primary member); Tourism (alternate); Chumash Community (primary member); and Chumash Community (alternate).

Cordell Bank National Marine Sanctuary: Community-at-Large - Sonoma (primary member); Community-at-Large - Sonoma (alternate); Conservation (primary member); Conservation (alternate); Maritime Activities (primary member); and Maritime Activities (alternate).

Florida Keys National Marine Sanctuary: Citizen at Large - Middle Keys (primary member); and Citizen at Large - Middle Keys (alternate).

Hawaiian Islands Humpback Whale National Marine Sanctuary Advisory Council: Youth (primary member); Youth (alternate); Commercial Fishing (alternate); and Native Hawaiian (alternate).

Monitor National Marine Sanctuary: Fishing (primary member); Conservation (primary member); Maritime Archaeological Research (primary member); and Recreational Diving (primary member).

National Marine Sanctuary of American Samoa: Community-At-Large, Manu'a (primary member); Education (primary member); Research (primary member); and Tourism (primary member).

Stellwagen Bank National Marine Sanctuary Advisory Council: Conservation (primary member); Education (alternate); Recreational Fishing (alternate); Whale Watching (alternate); Mobile Gear Commercial Fishing (alternate); Citizen At-Large (primary member); and Citizen At-Large (alternate).

Authority: 16 U.S.C. Sections 1431, *et seq.*

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